sion and what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The report is being studied and the information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Establishment tof prawn hatchery

4905. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to establish some prawn hatchery with external assistance;

(b) whether any such prawn hatchery has been set up in Orissa earlier with external aid;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to set up the prawn hatchery with foreign assistance in Orissa as proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Under World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project (CR. No. 2329-IN) steps have been taken to set up 6-8 numbers of Prawn Hatcheries at a cost of Rs. 6.22 crores through private entrepreneurs with annual production capacity of 25—30 million PL-20 shrimp seed each.

Fishing harbour project in Orissa

4906. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project proposals of the fishing harbour projects in Orissa have been revised;

(b) if so, the original estimate cost of the fishing harbour projects proposed to be set up in Orissa;

(c) the percentage of the increase made in the revised proposals; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) There is no Minor Fishery Harbour or Fish Landing Centre presently under construction in Orissa in whose case the estimates have been revised. However, Major Fishery Harbour at Paradip Port is under construction by the Port Trust and its estimated cost has been revised in March, 1995. The original estimates was Rs. 28.34 crores. Revised estimate is Rs. 38.07 crores. The increase is 34.33 per cent.

Agro-based industry in Orissa

4907. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to set up Agro-based industry in Orissa;

(b) if so, the possibilities explored by Government to set up Agro-based units in that State;

(c) the proposals drawn up in that regard for the Eighth Plan preiod;

(d) the places identified for the establishment of Agro-based industry in that State; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to assess the scope for setting up agro-based industries in Orissa. In general, there is good scope for setting up agro-based industries in all States of the country. Government in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has provided financial assistance to the Orissa Agro Industries Corporation for getting conducted a comprehensive study on potential of agro and food processing industries in Orissa. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has identified the possibility of development of oilseed based complex, process-